

Town Council Meeting  
Monday, March 12, 2018  
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, March 12, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, Indiana.

President Kami Ervin called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members answering roll call were: Councilwoman Dawn Graham, Vice President Jerry Lollar, and President Kami Ervin. Also present were Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston and Director of Administration Mary Patterson. Councilman Jack Shepherd, Councilman Jeff Simpson, and Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley were absent.

President Ervin said next on the agenda were the minutes of the council meeting of February 26, 2018 and the special meeting of March 1, 2018. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda were claims and handed it over to Director of Administration Mary Patterson.

Ms. Patterson said the council received a copy of the claim docket in their packet. She said one claim had been removed from the docket since it was sent to the council. The total for the docket was \$140,355.46. She said Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley had signed off on all the claims in the docket and she handed them over to the council for approval. Councilman Lollar made a motion to approve the claims as submitted. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was an application to vacate a public way. She explained that the council would not be voting tonight to approve the vacation but rather to approve the public hearing which is required to be held within 30 days of the request.

Building Commissioner Nick Valenzuela gave a brief explanation of the vacation request. He said Greg and Aimee Stinson submitted an application to vacate a public way between 109 Lincoln Street and 600 East Main Cross Street. State statute requires that the town hold a public hearing to review the request. A staff report will be presented to the council for review prior to the public hearing.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to hold a public hearing for the vacation of public way request at the March 26, 2018 council meeting. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

### **Council Comments**

Councilman Lollar said the end of year report for Timbergate Golf Course was down significantly from prior years. He asked if the staff expected those numbers to come back up.

Mr. Watson said he expects memberships to be very similar to previous years. This year has been a terrible weather year for golf. The simulators have been active but do not generate nearly the revenue that actual rounds of golf generate.

Councilman Lollar said he is concerned and wants to be sure we make enough to cover first quarter expenses.

Discussion was held regarding memberships and rates compared to other courses in the area.

Town Attorney Huddleston said a price has been established for the purchase of the property adjacent to the water treatment plant. The owner has requested that they be allowed to continue operations in the building for up to 12 months. One idea would be to purchase the property and lease a portion of the building to the company and use the other half to house the food pantry. Before that was agreed upon Mr. Watson wanted to view the space and make sure it would work for the food pantry. He reviewed the space and thinks it will work for the food pantry. Mr. Huddleston said he would prefer this scenario so the town can take control of the property as soon as possible.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to draft a new purchase agreement with the amended terms for the purchase of the property adjacent to the water plant. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

**Departmental Comments**

Town Manager Wade Watson presented an estimate from Driftwood Builders for the cemetery building. We have received detailed drawings and budget numbers. The next step would be to send the plans to open bid. Councilman Lollar made a motion to allow Mr. Watson to proceed with the public bid process on the cemetery building. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Watson presented a spreadsheet regarding painting for the community center. Mr. Watson said he is not comfortable with the two low bids because one does not show a detailed breakdown of labor and materials and the other does not appear to have quoted enough paint. He said he has asked for updated quotes but has not received them yet. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to proceed with the low bid once the quotes have been corrected, not to exceed the quote of \$9,056.67 submitted by Smock. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Watson said he would like to update the council on the East Main Cross Project. He said he met with the engineers today and they have the plans about 30% complete. We should have the project out to bid by July 1, 2018 and hope to have the first half done by November 1, 2018.

Electric Superintendent Kevin Rubush thanked the council for their decision to hire Mr. Wilhelm full time for the electric department. He said he also needs to purchase a truck load of utility poles that will cost \$12,200. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow Mr. Rubush to purchase utility poles for \$12,200. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Allen Smith said the new ambulance is still delayed but he will update the council at the next meeting. He said he had budgeted for some new turnout gear and new defibrillators. He would like permission to move forward with those purchases. Councilman Lollar made a motion to approve Mr. Smith's request to purchase new turnout gear and new defibrillators. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Cemetery Sexton John Hoskinson said he was present to ask the council for approval to hire seasonal summer staff for the cemetery. He said he will be hiring for the same amount of hours as last year. Councilman Lollar made a motion to approve the seasonal hiring request for the cemetery by Mr. Hoskinson. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.


**Public Comments**

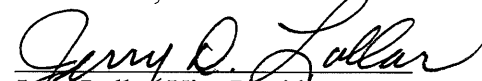
Charles Goff of 522 South Main Street said he is looking to relocate his current house so that he can build a new house on the two lots that he owns. He said he just wanted to see what he needed to do to start that process.

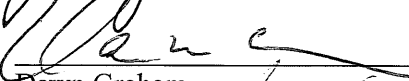
President Ervin said he can speak to Building Commissioner Nick Valenzuela and he can help him with that process.


Being no further business or comments, Councilwoman Graham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

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